Diplomatic relations with countries belonging to erstwhile Soviet Union

2315. SHRI SOM PAL:
DR. NAUNIHAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the countries belonging to the erstwhile Soviet Union with whom we have established formal diplomatic relations;

(b) the countries in this group with whom we do not have diplomatic relations so far;

(c) the countries among them where we have opened our diplomatic or commercial consulates;

(d) what is the status of these missions in the respective countries; and

(e) by when all the countries are proposed to be covered in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) India has recognised all 15 countries that emerged from the former Soviet Union. Formal diplomatic relations have been established with Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, Estonia; Lativa, Lithunia, Moldova, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan and Kyrghstan. Action is under way to establish relations with Armenia, Georgia and Tadjikistan.

(c) to (e) We have opened resident diplomatic Missions in the following countries:

1. Embassy, Moscow-Russia (continues)
2. Embassy, Minsk-Belarus
3. Embassy, Alma Atta-Kazakhstan.
4. Embassy, Tasbkont-Uzzegistan.
5. Embassy, Kiev-Ukraine.
6. Consulate General, Odessa-Ukraine.

Action is under way to open Consulates General in St. Petersberg and Vladivostok.

Besides these resident Missions, following countries are covered by concurrent ac accreditation:

1. Estonia from Finland.
2. Latvia from Sweden.
3. Lithuania from Poland.
4. Moldove from Romania.
5. Georgia and Armenia (proposed to be accredited from Ukraine).
6. Azerbaijan from Uzbekistan.
7. Kyrghyzstan from Kazahstain.
8. Tadjikistan (proposed to be accredited from Kazakhastan).

N.R.I.'s Convention in Bangkok

2316. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MIINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the proceedings of Non resident Indians' convention held in Bangkok recently;

(b) if so, what are the issues raised in that convention; and

(c) what are the steps taken to solve the problems raised therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) A Convention of NRIs was held in Bangkok on 16th May, 1992. The Convention had been organised by the NRI Welfare Society of India. We have not received any proposals from the organisers of the Bangkok Convention for the consideration of Government.

Patented herbs

2317. SHRI SHIVPRASAD CHANPURIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether herbs available in India have been patented;

@Previously Unstarred Question 1314 transferred from 22nd July, 1992.

(b) if so, what are the names of herbs which have been or are likely to be patented; and

(c) what are the names of herbs in India which are exported to America?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir. Herbs cannot be patented under the Patent Act, 1970.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Following herbs are exported to America:

(a) Psyllium Husk
(b) Psyllium Seed
(c) Senna Leaves & Pods
(d) Opium Crude
(e) Poppy Seeds/Husks
(f) Sarasaparila
(g) Vinca Rosea Roots

हिमाचल प्रदेश में ड्रंग में नमक की खानें

2318. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश में जिला मण्डी में ड्रंग क्षेत्र में स्थित नमक की खानों पर वर्ष 1990–91 और 1991–92 में कितनी-कितनी धनराशि व्यय की गई और चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान कितना व्यय किए जाने की आशा है ;

(ख) क्या इस खान में नमक का उत्पादन शुरू हो गया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो 1991–92 के दौरान कितना नमक तैयार किया गया और कितना बेचा गया ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय (भारी उद्योग विभाग और लोक उद्यम विभाग में राज्य मंत्री) (श्री पी०के० थुंगन): (क) हिमाचल प्रदेश जिला मण्डी में ड्रंग क्षेत्र में स्थित नमक की खानों पर वर्ष 1990–91 और 1991–92 में व्यय की गई धनराशि क्रमशः 4.69 लाख रुपए और 0.78 लाख रुपए है। चालू वित्त वर्ष के दौरान 256.50 लाख रुपए की धनराशि व्यय किए जाने की संभावना है।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Listing of Shares of P.S.Us.

2319. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two disinvestments of 41 P.S.Us. upto 20 per cent had raised rearly Rs. 3,000 crores; and

(b) whether these shares have been listed with the Securities and Exchange Board of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Government have raised Rs. 3038 crores by disinvesting about 8 per cent shares in 30 Central Public Sector Undertakings.

(b) These shares are not required to be listed with Securities and Exchange Board of India.

Japanese bid to exploit the cheap labour

2320. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) wheher it is a fact that Japanese Industrialists plagued by the demand for higher wages from workers at home were invited to invest in India exploring cheap labour here; and

(b) if so, what guarantee Government propose to give to our labour against such exploitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Foreign investors, including